

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): A gaming chip for use in a bet in a casino game, the gaming chip comprising:

a transponder;

a memory located within the transponder;

a game denominational value contained in the transponder;

an identification identifying a first class for the gaming chip, the identification stored in the memory, the identification differentiating the first class gaming chip from at least one other class of gaming chips when said first class gaming chip and said at least one other class of gaming chips are intermingled within said bet, the transponder transmitting said game denominational value and said identification in response to a received signal.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein the memory within said transponder comprises:

a data field, said identification located in said data field.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein said identification is encrypted.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein said identification identifies said gaming chip as a progressive wager.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein each of said gaming chips of said at least one other class includes a data field within a memory of each said gaming chip.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein said gaming chips of said at least one other class do not include a data field.

Claim 27 (currently amended): Apparatus for ~~betting~~ use in a bet in a casino game, the apparatus comprising:

at least one gaming chip of a first class in said bet in the casino game having a first transponder containing at least value information;

at least one gaming chip of a second class in said bet in the casino game having a second transponder containing at least value and class information, when said at least first class gaming chip and said at least second class gaming are intermingled within said bet, the first transponder transmitting at least said value information and said second transponder transmitting at least said value and class information.

Claim 28 (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 27~~ Apparatus for betting in a casino game, the apparatus comprising:

at least one gaming chip of a first class having a first transponder containing at least value information;

at least one gaming chip of a second class having a second transponder containing at least value and class information;

wherein said at least one first class gaming chip transmits primary signals identifying a value of said at least one first class gaming chip, and wherein said at least one second class gaming chip transmits secondary signals identifying a value and a class of said at least one second class gaming chip, said secondary signals differentiating said at least one second class gaming chip from said at least one first class gaming chip.

Claim 29 (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 28~~ Apparatus for betting in a casino game, the apparatus comprising:

at least one gaming chip of a first class having a first transponder containing at least value information;

at least one gaming chip of a second class having a second transponder containing at least value and class information;

wherein said secondary signals differentiate said at least one second class gaming chip from said at least one first class gaming chip while said at least one first class gaming chip and said at least one second class gaming chip are intermingled within a single bet.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder identifies said second class casino chip as a progressive wager.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder identifies a player using said second class casino chip.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder identifies a player using said second class casino chip as qualifying for both a live card game and a progressive game.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder includes a denominational value.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder includes a non-denominational value.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the non-denominational value is a promotional prize and the class is a promotion.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A gaming chip for use in a casino game, the casino game associated with a promotion, the gaming chip comprising:

- a transponder;
- a memory located in the transponder;

promotion information encoded into the memory in the transponder, the transponder transmitting said promotion information in response to a received signal to differentiate the gaming chip associated with the promotion from other gaming chips intermingled within said bet.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the promotion information is a progressive game.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the promotion information is a bonus game.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the promotion information includes a promotional prize.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the gaming chip is visually indicated as special.